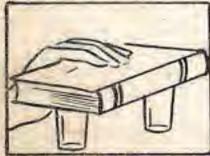








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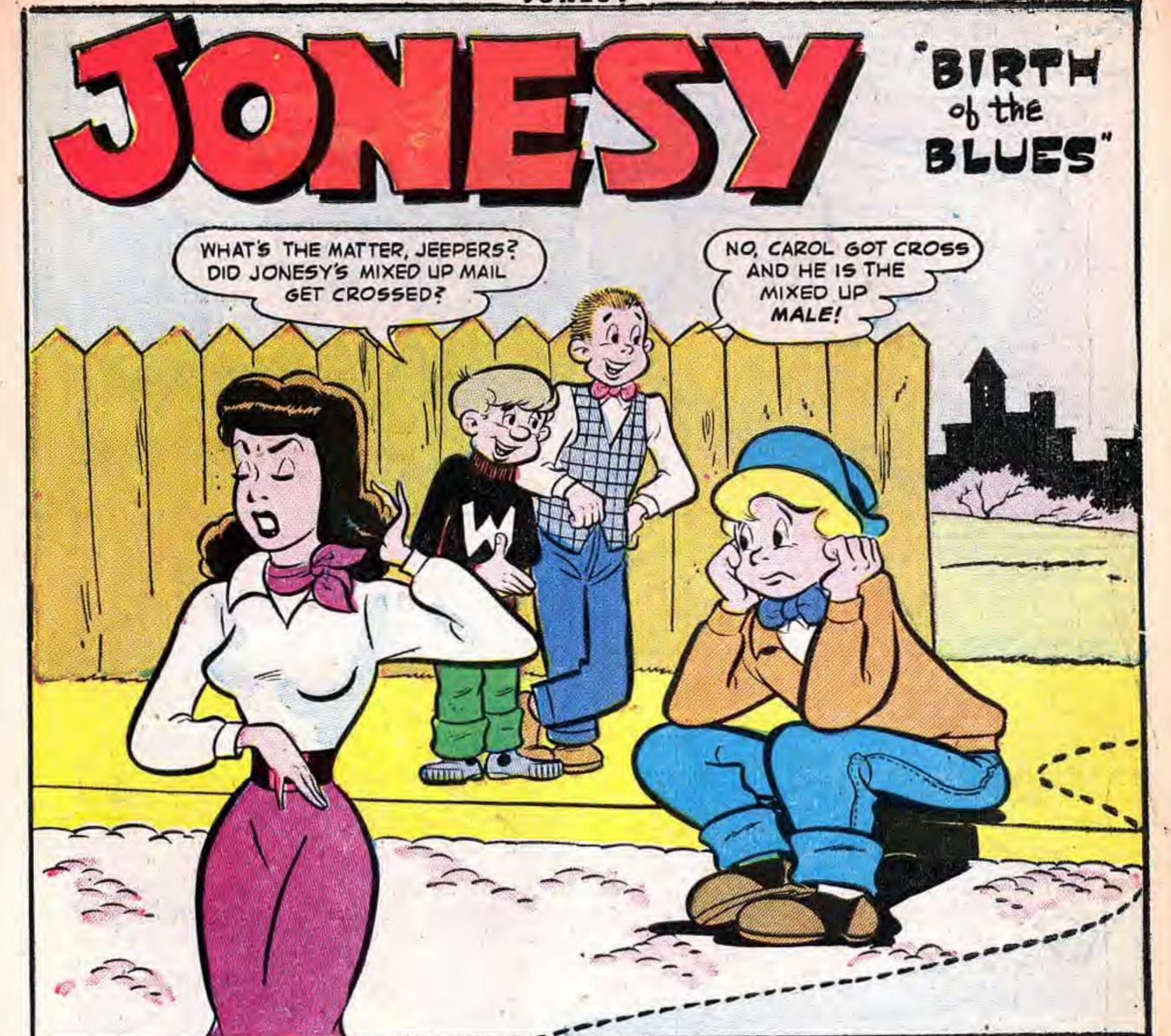
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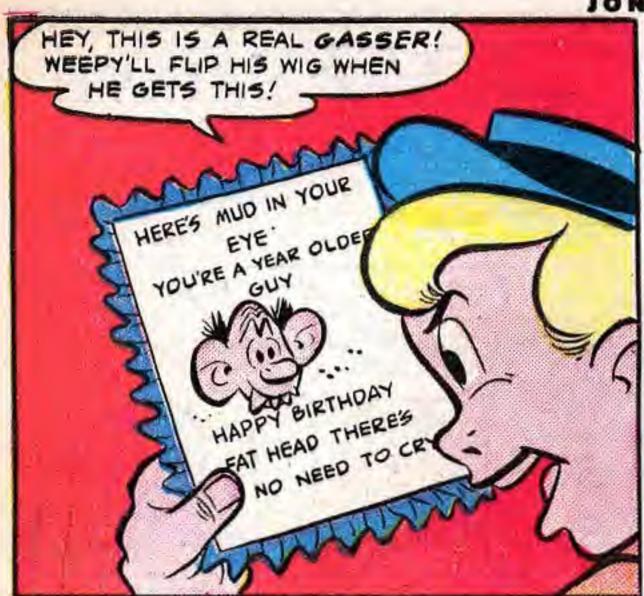
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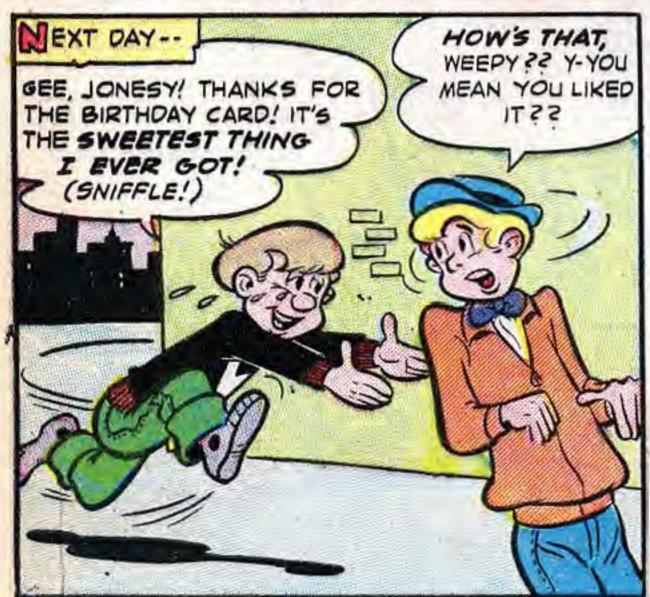


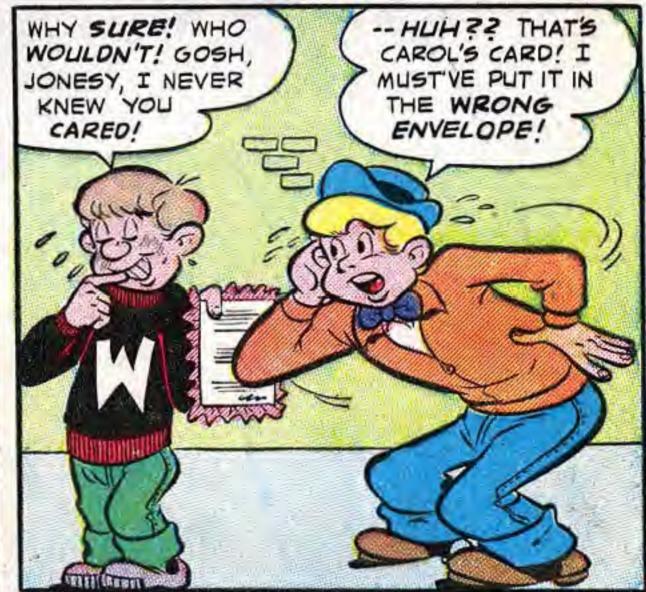






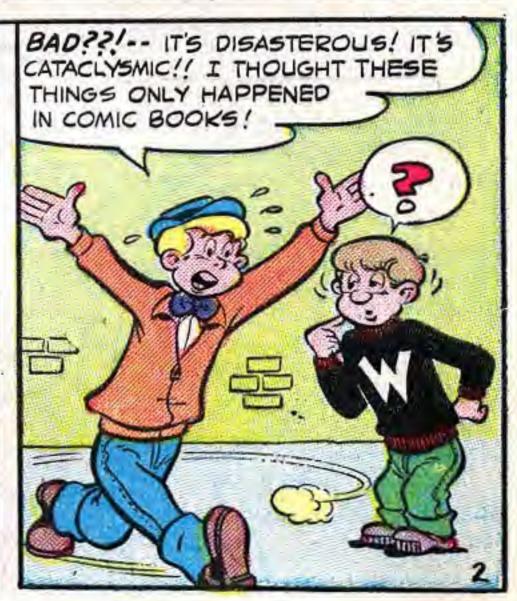


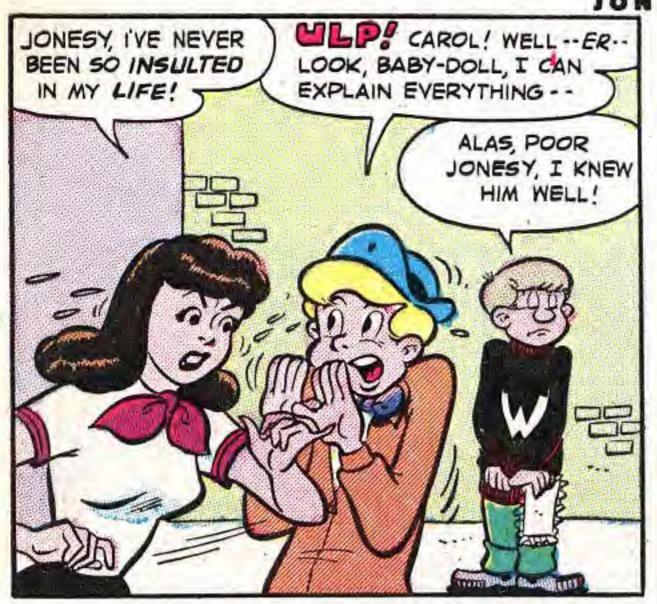










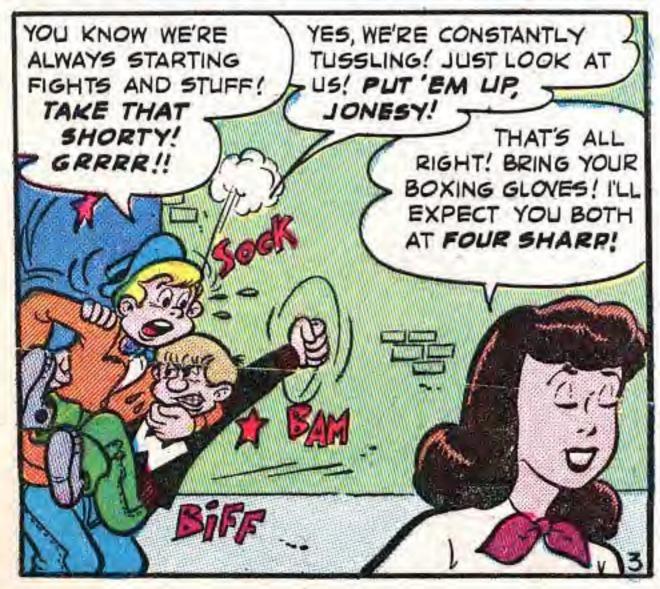


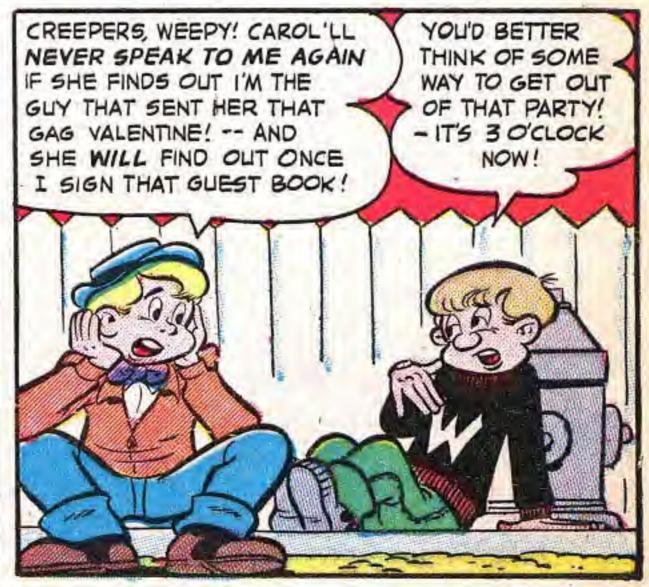










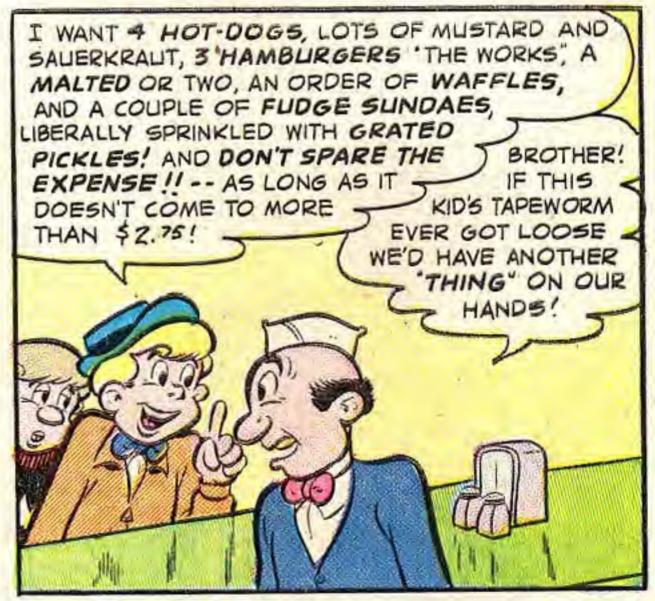




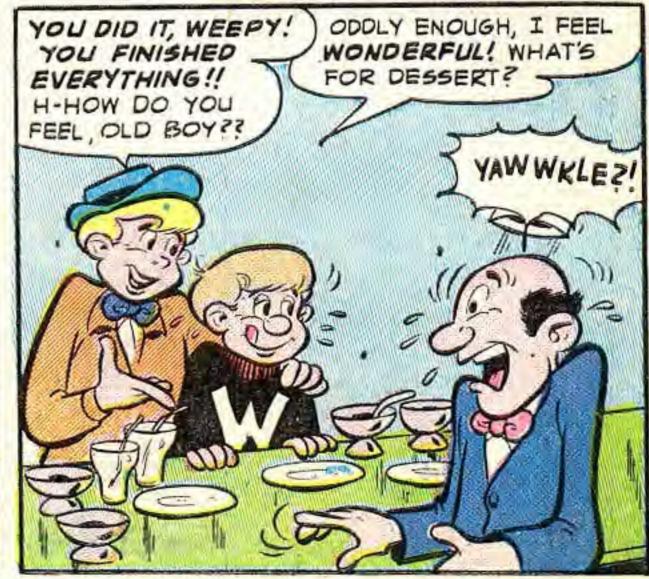








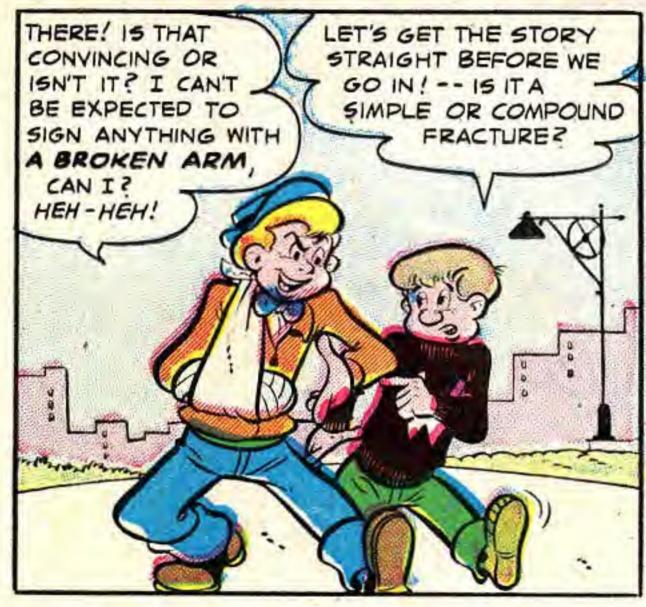


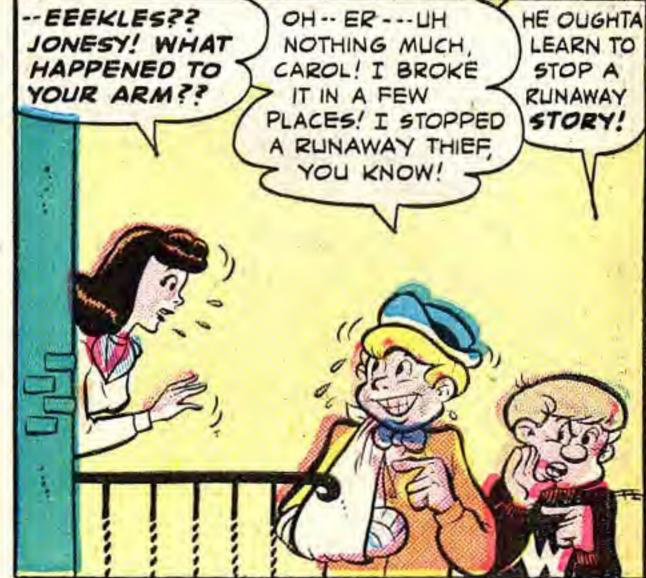


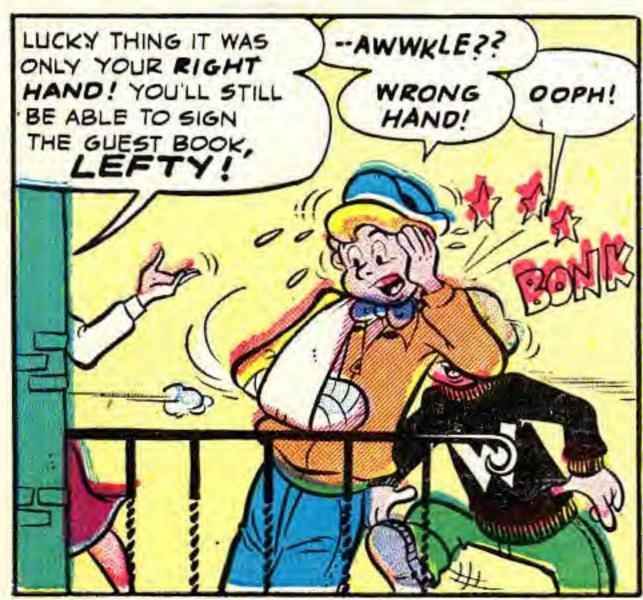


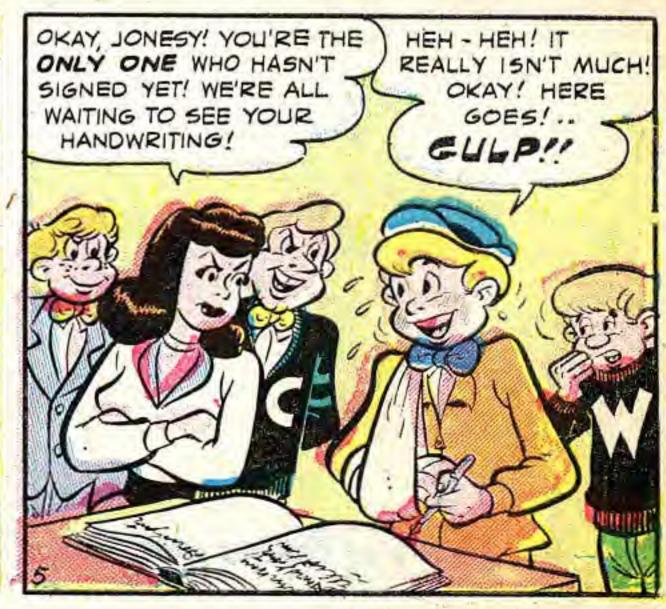












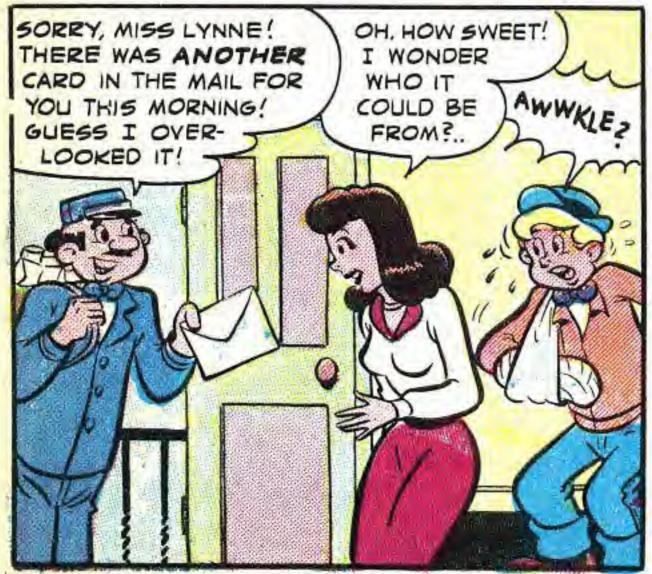










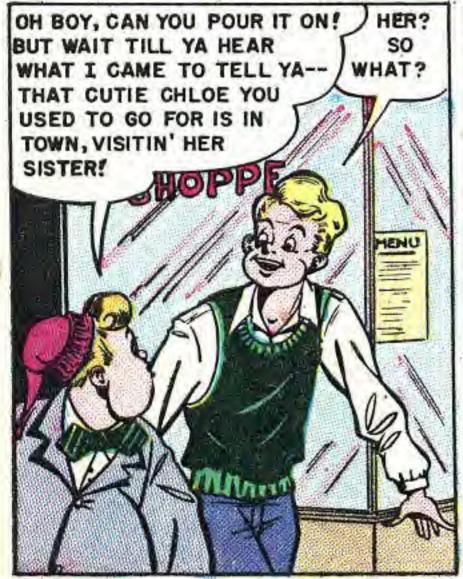






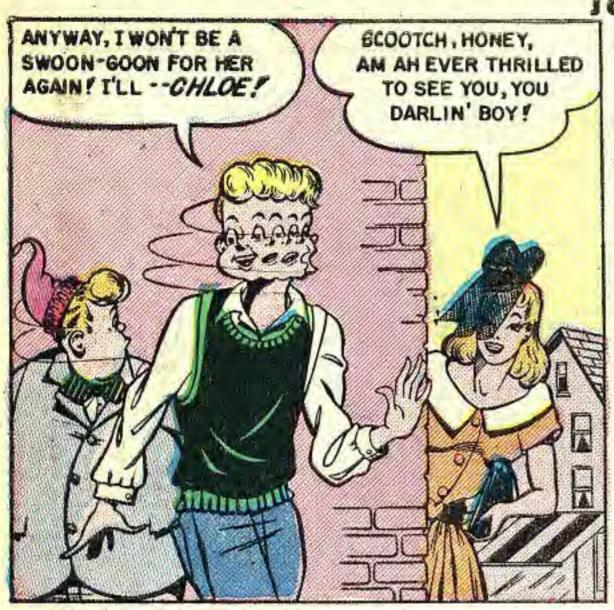


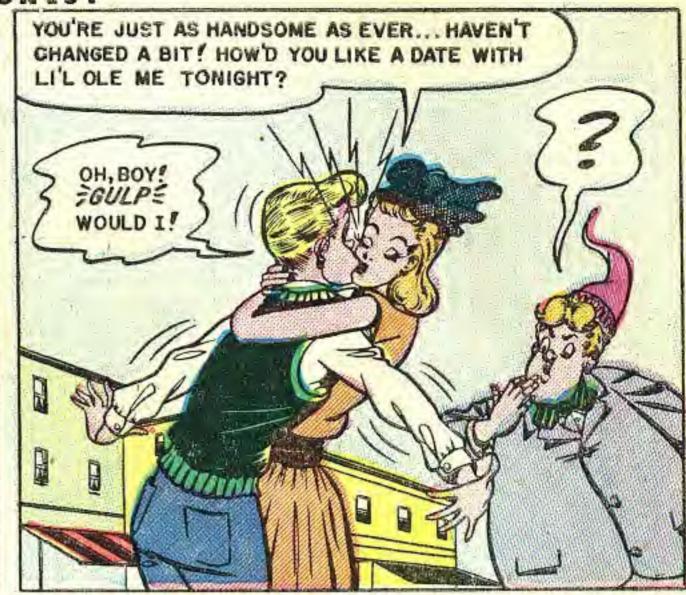




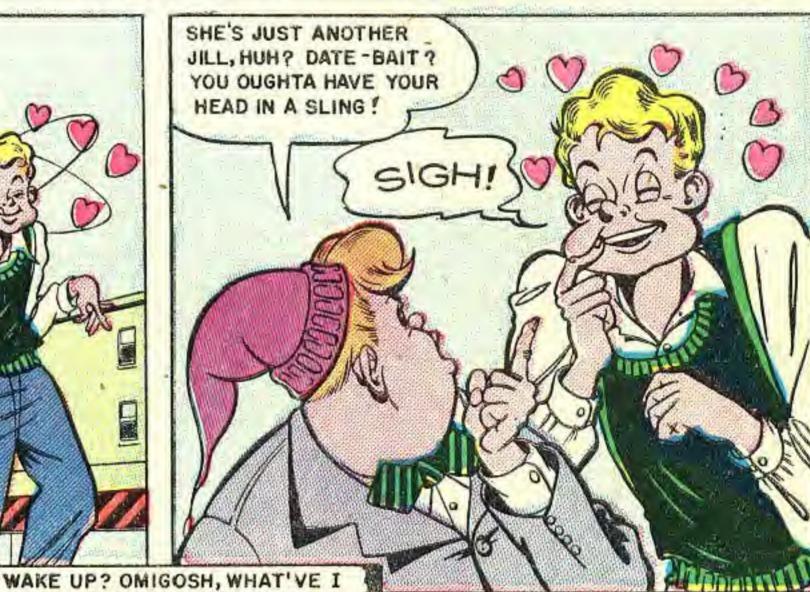
































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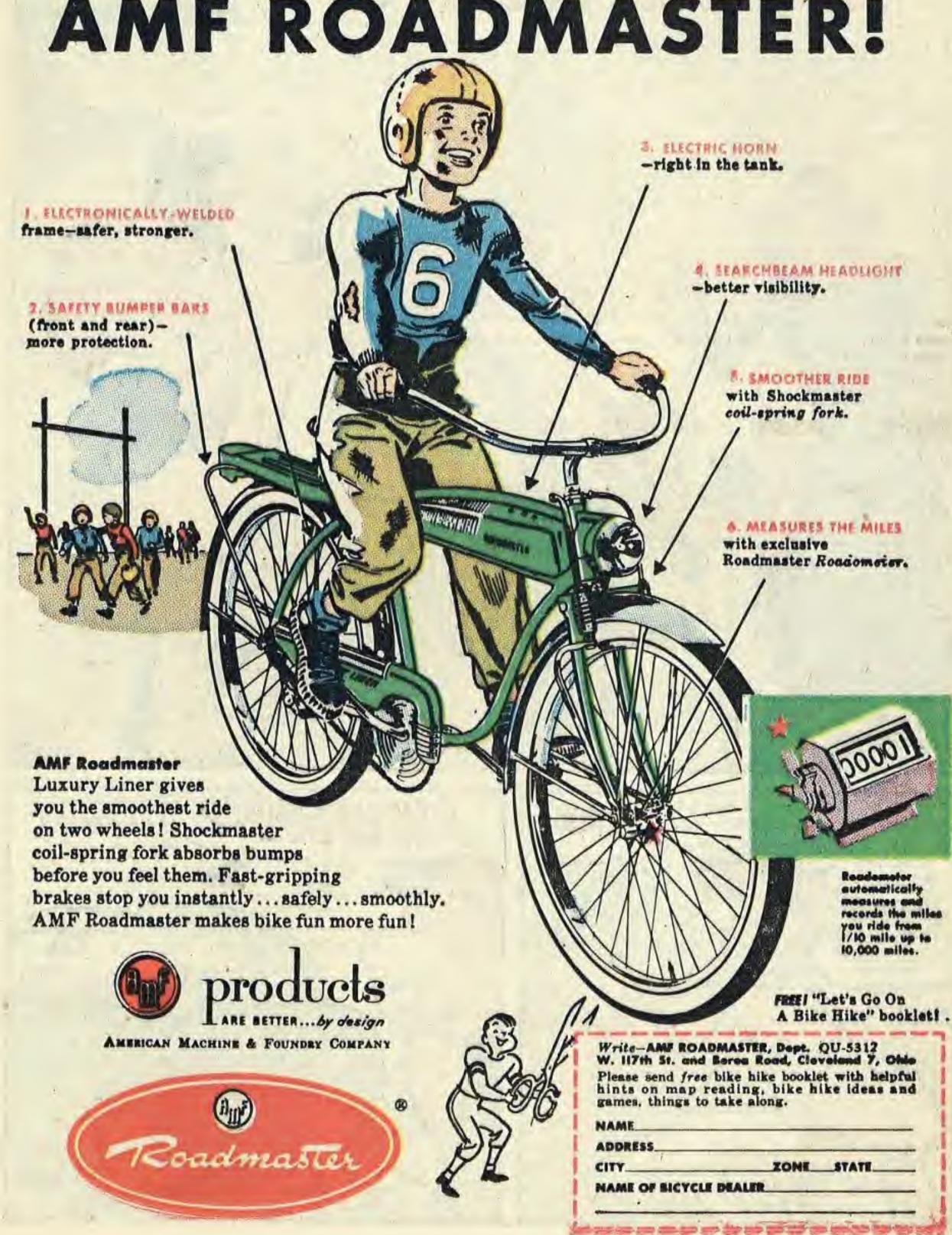


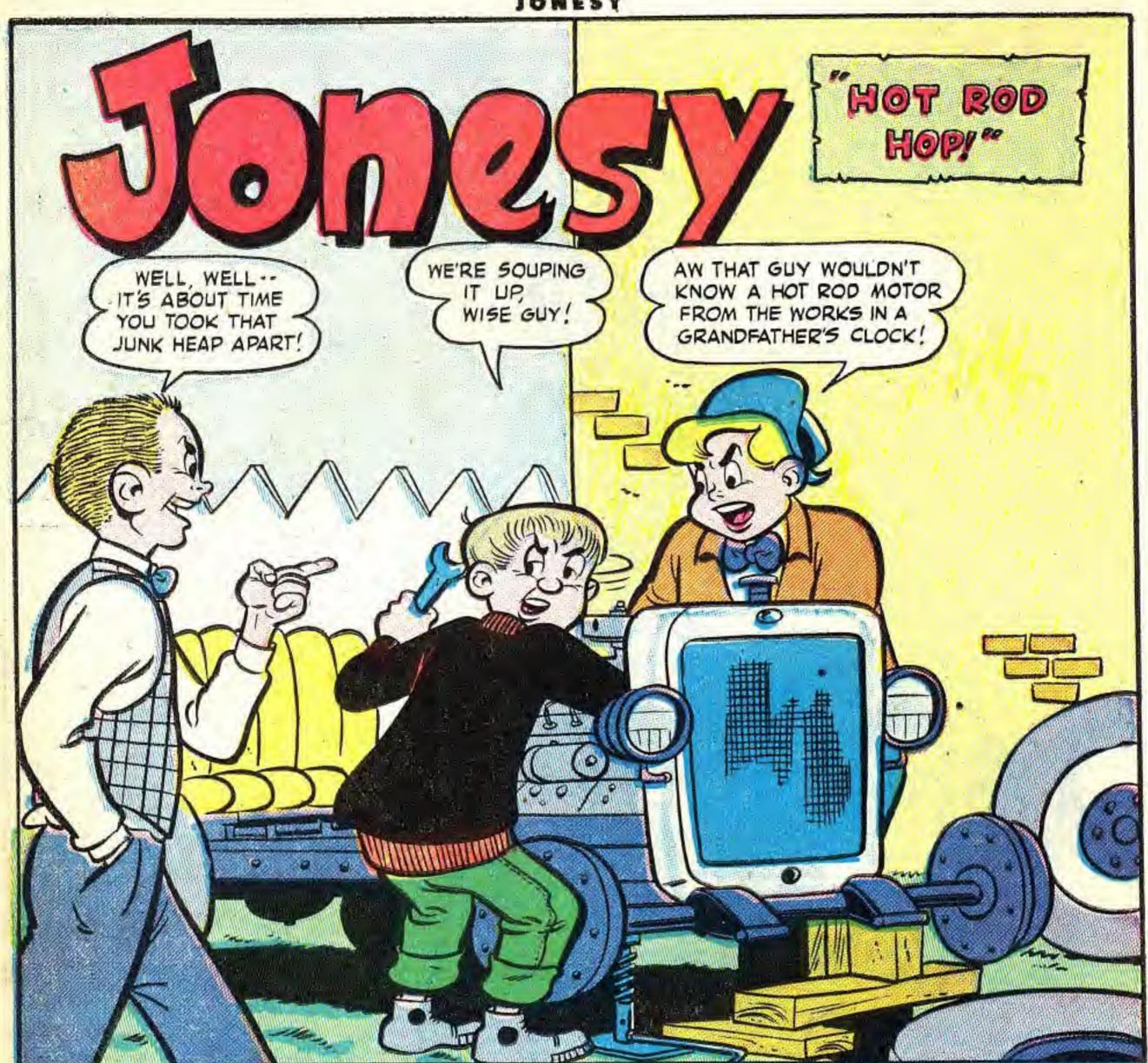
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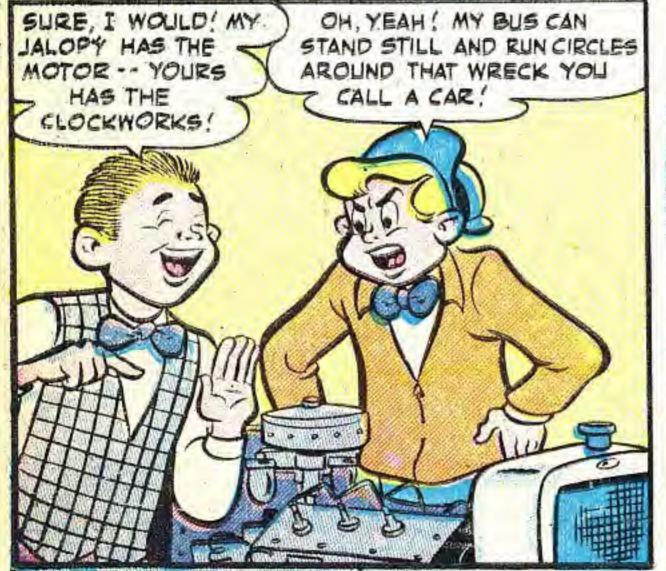
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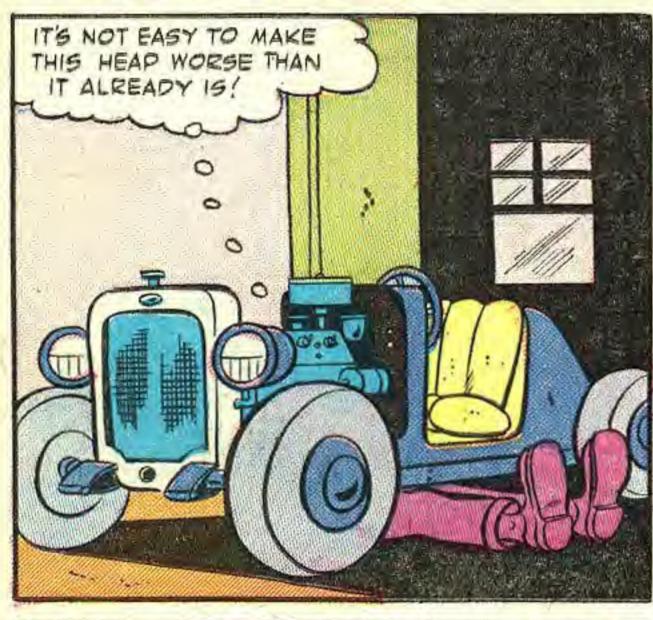


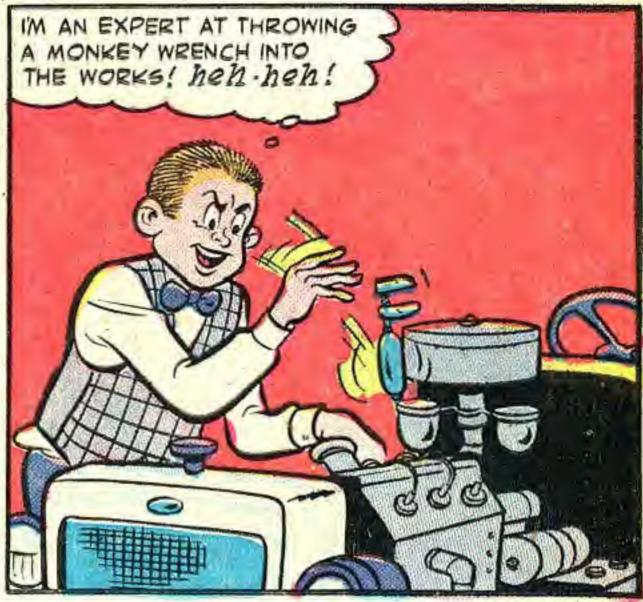


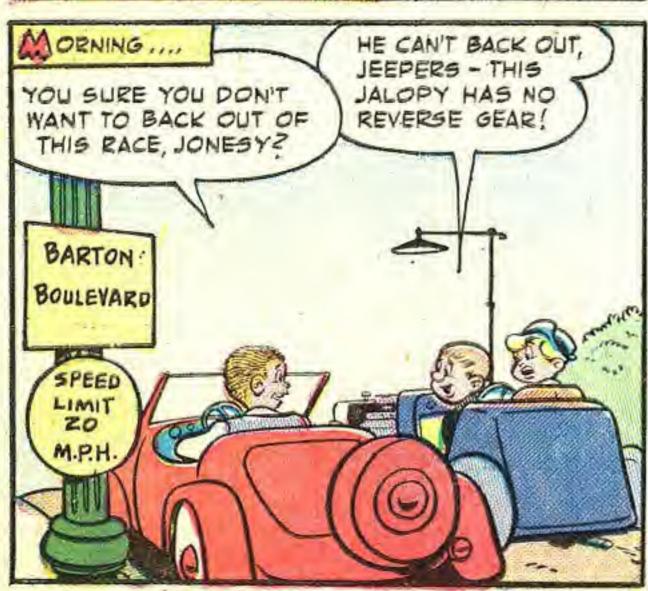


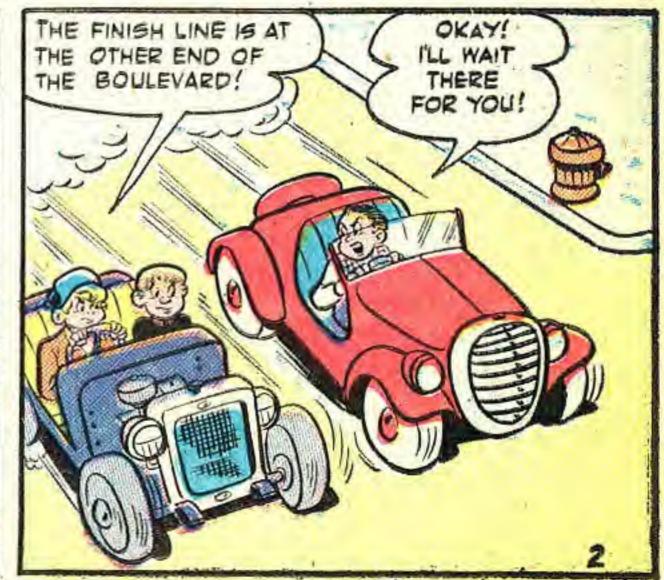


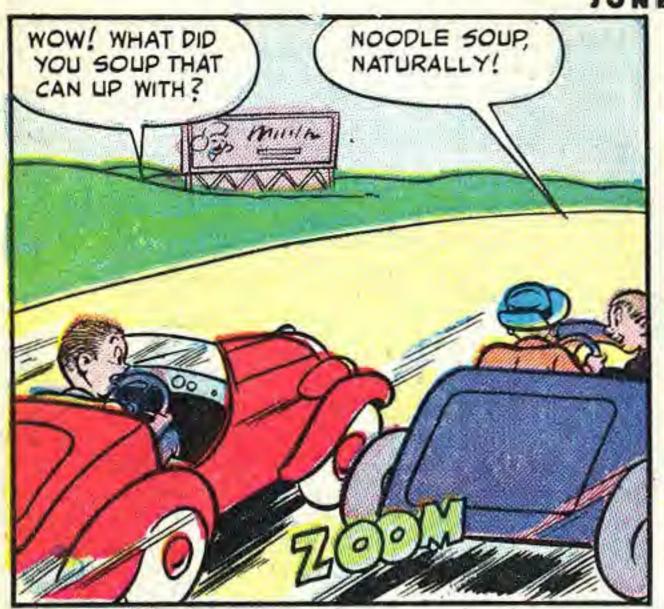


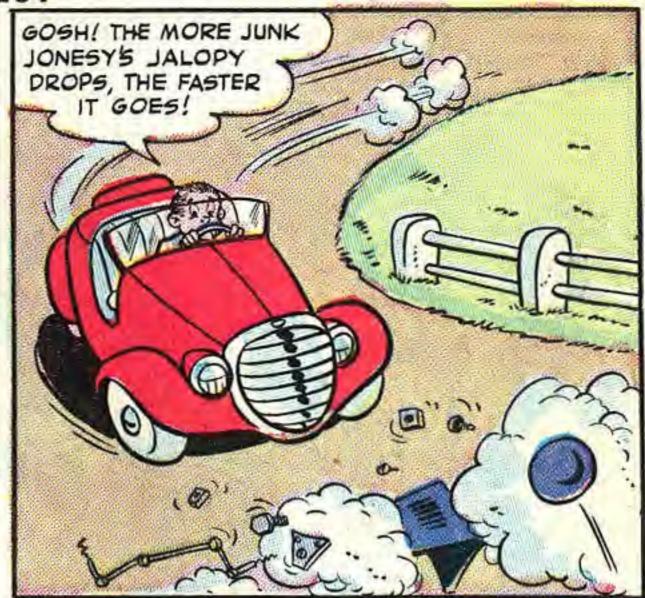


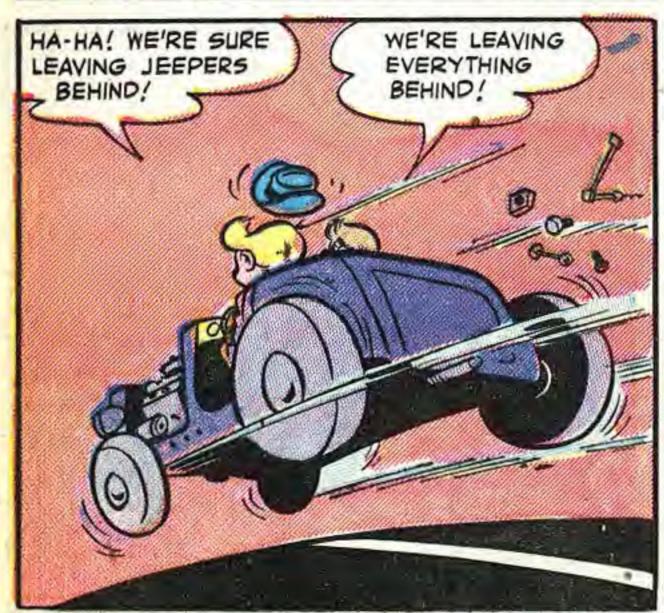


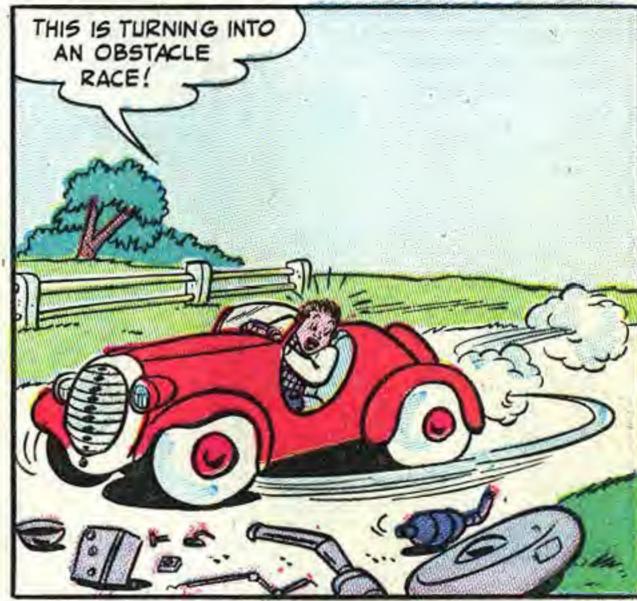




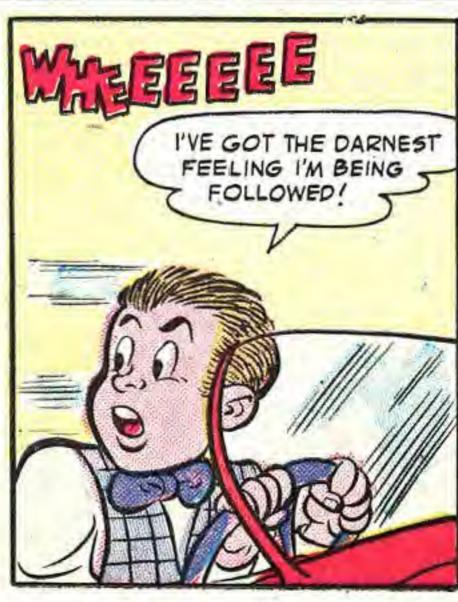












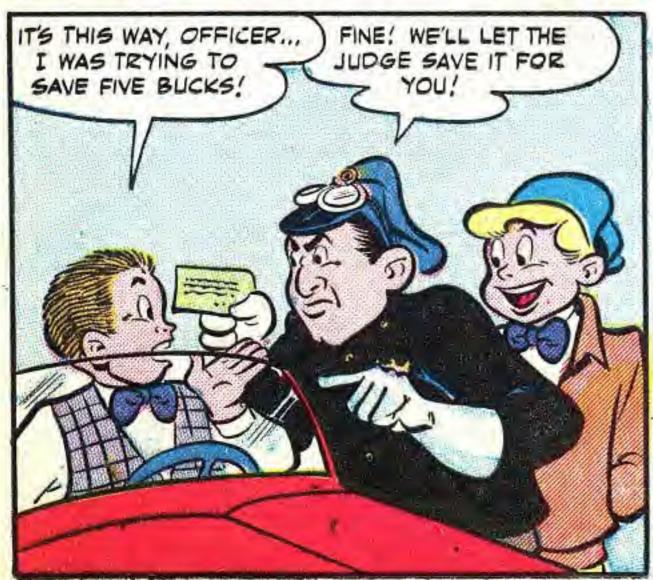


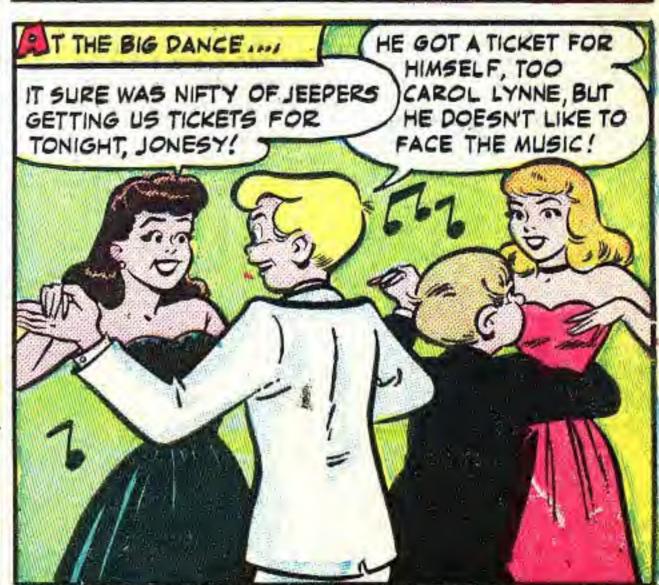






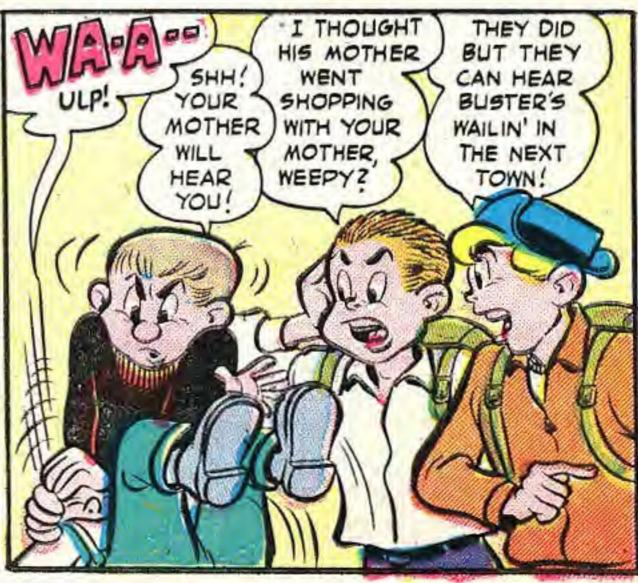








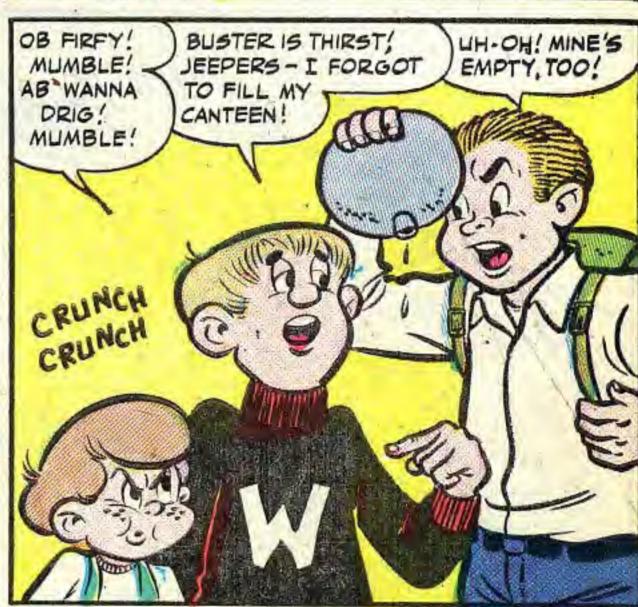


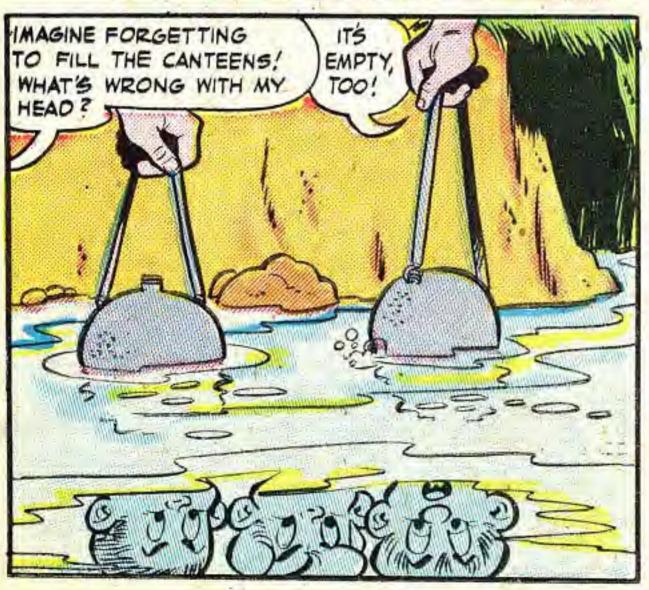




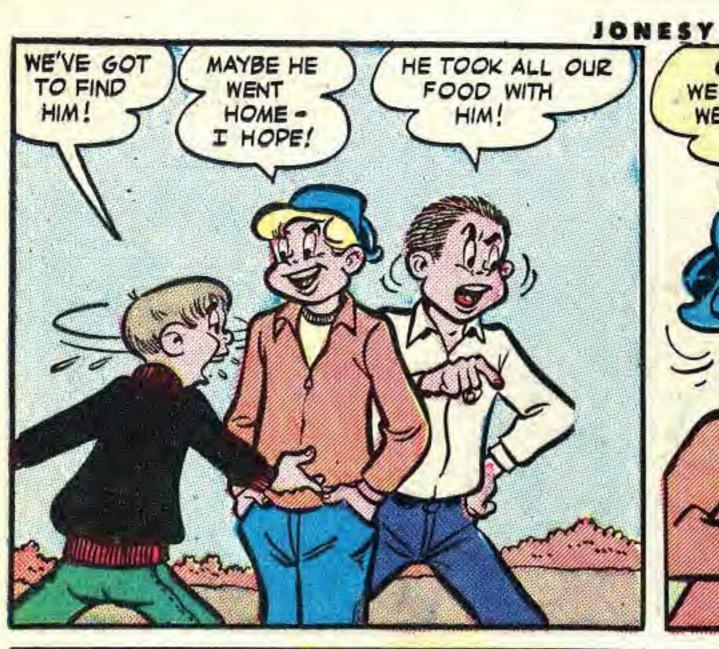






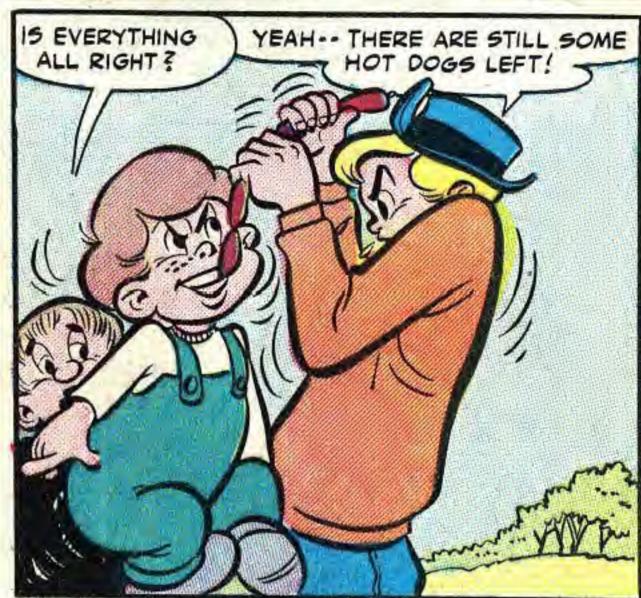














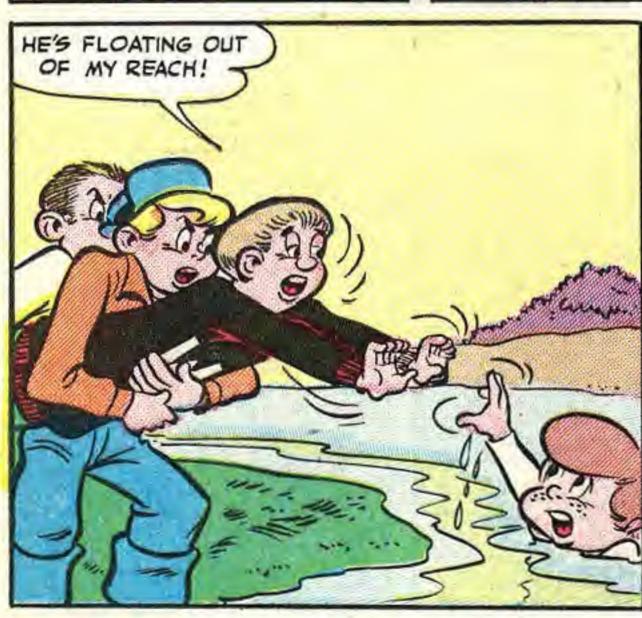


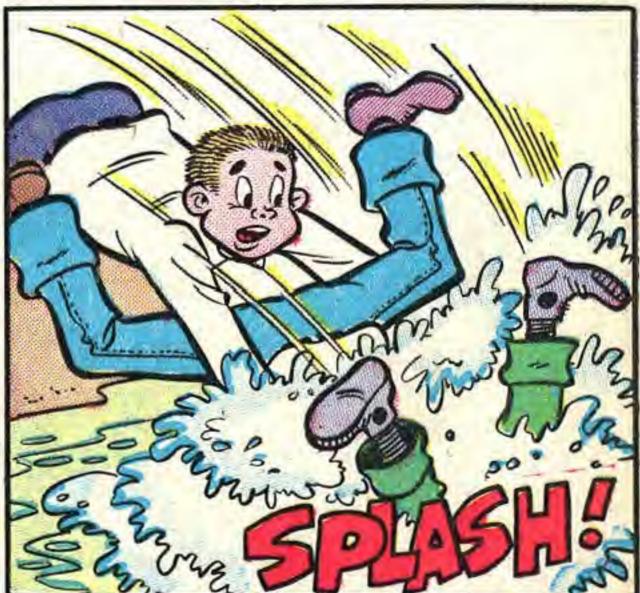




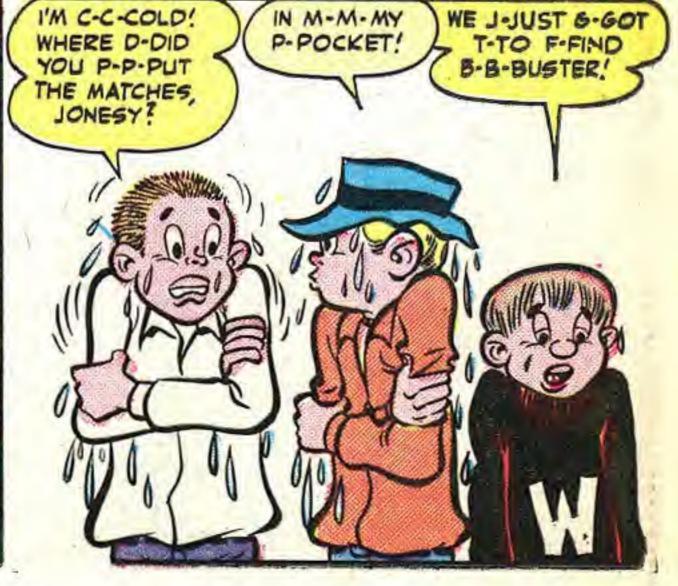


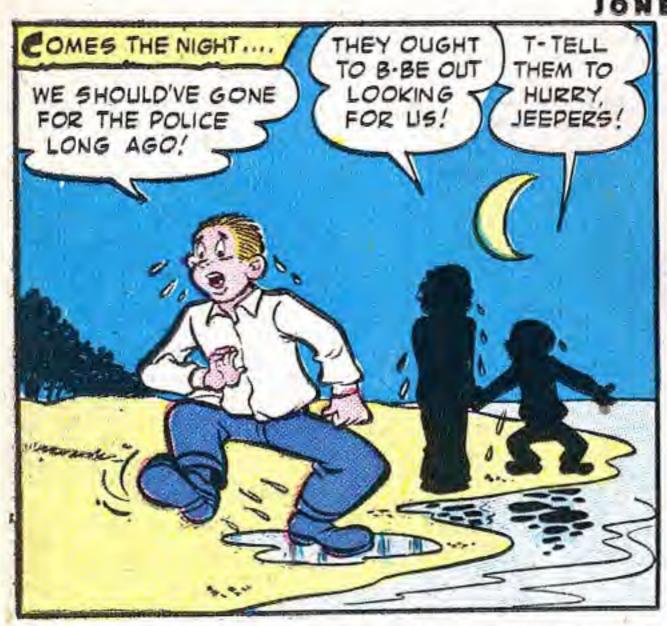










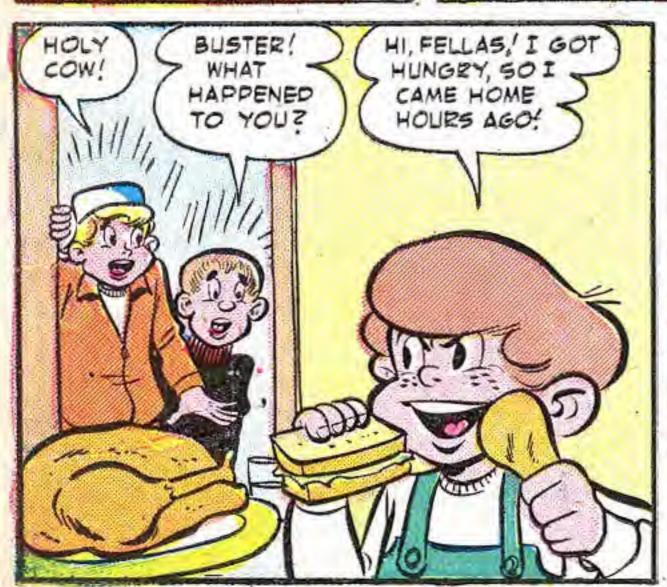


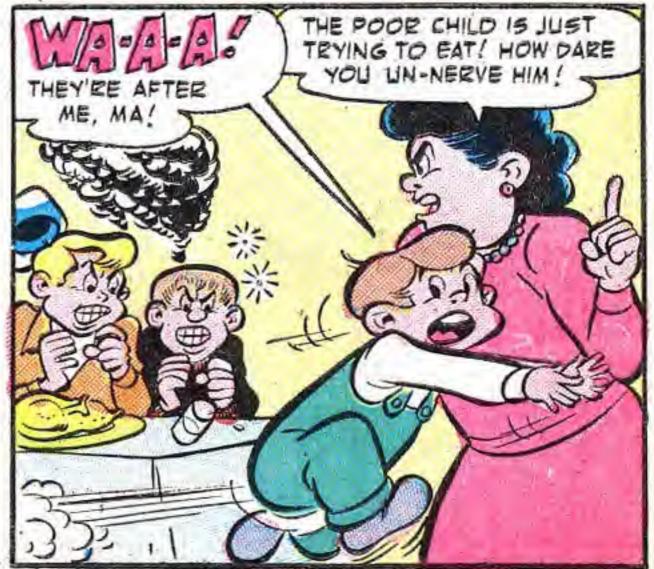


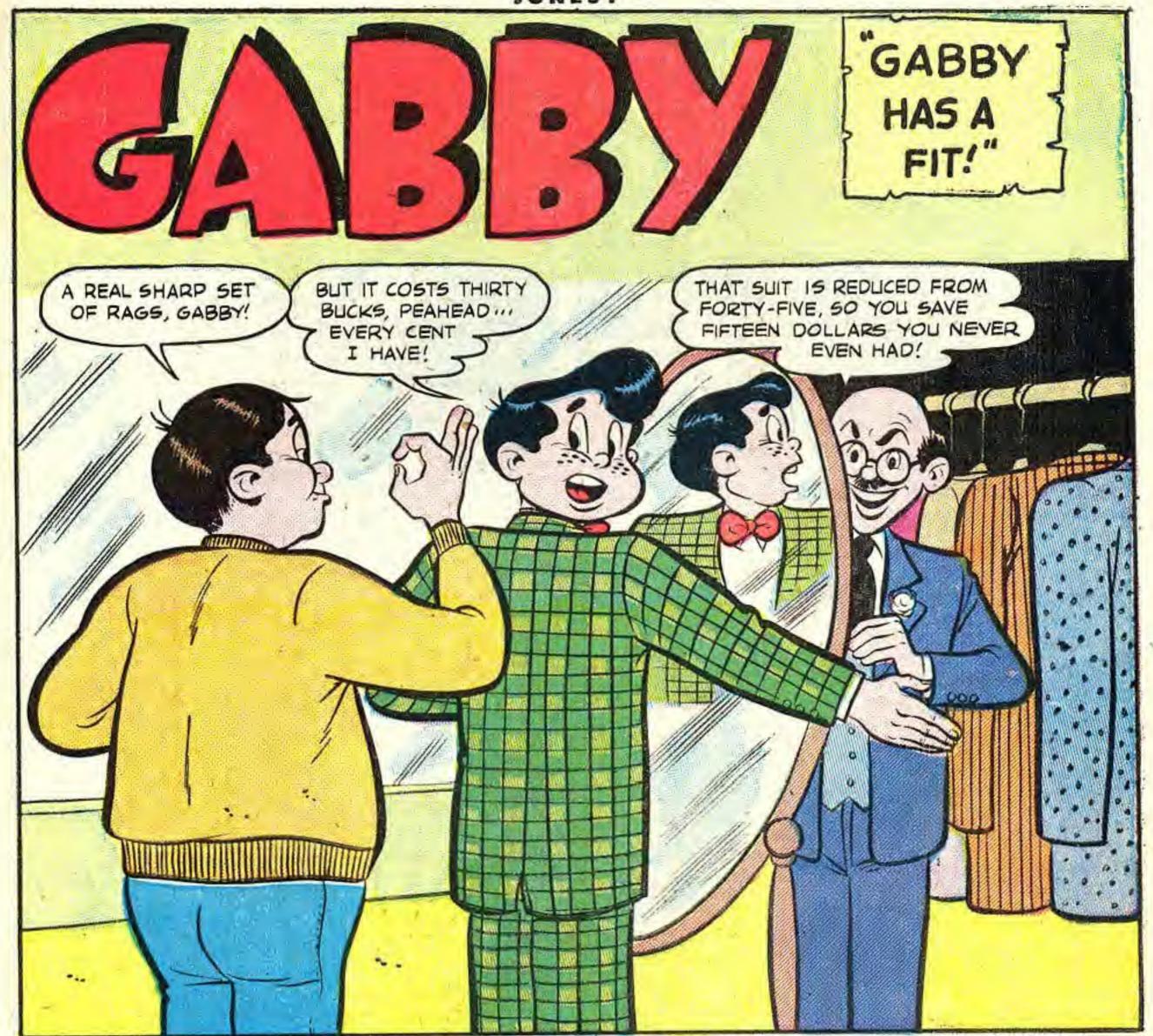


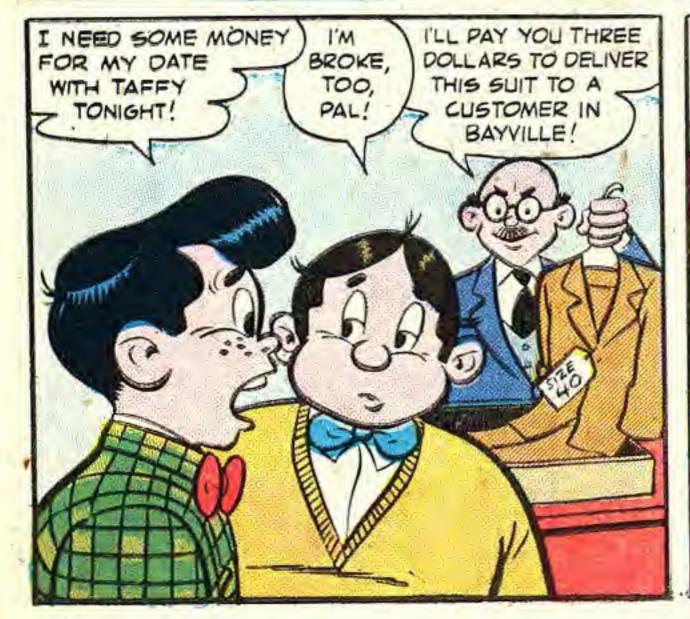






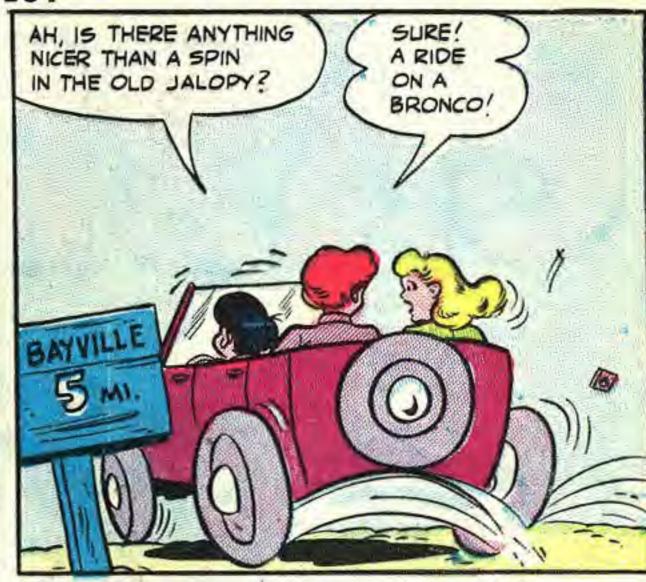


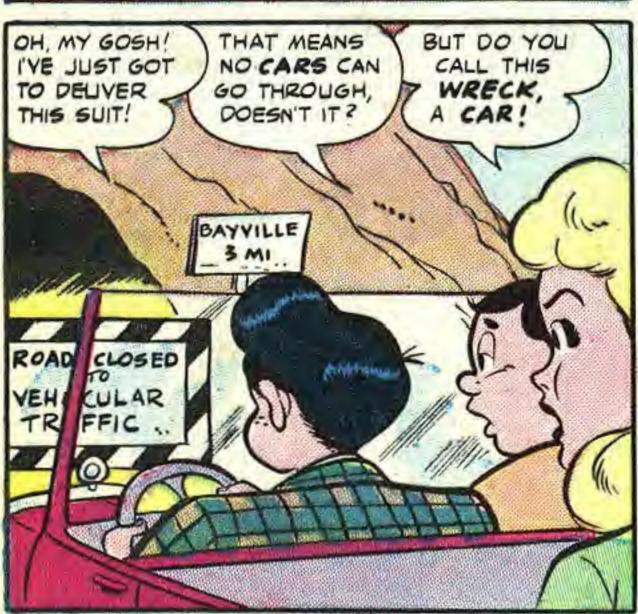


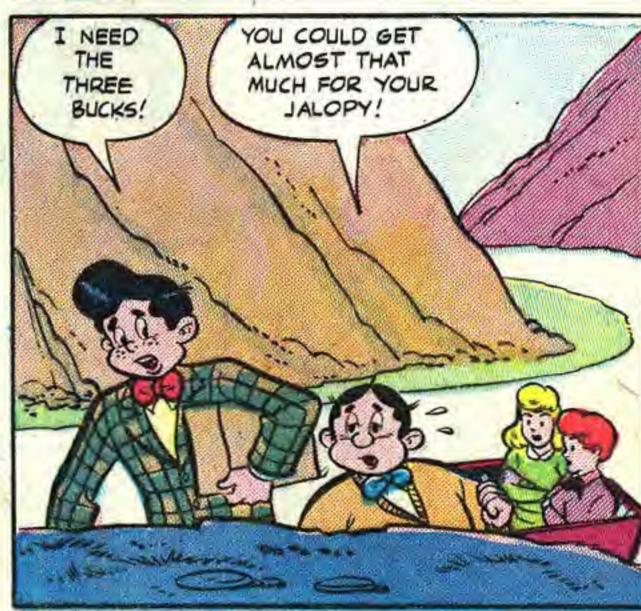








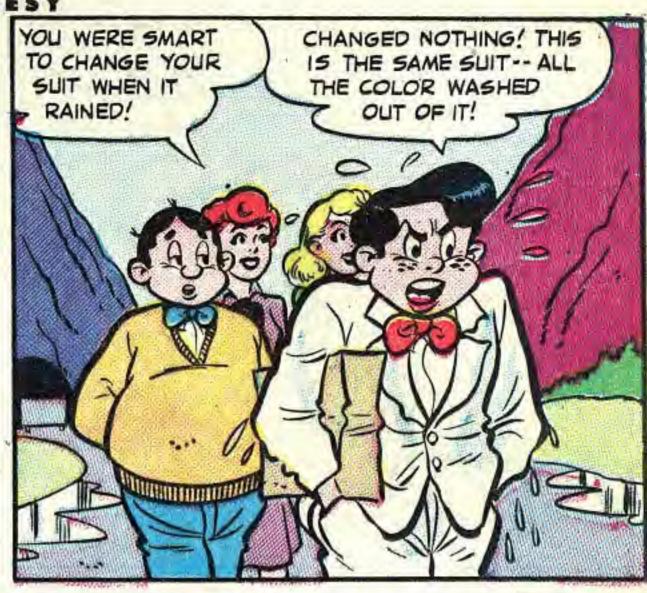








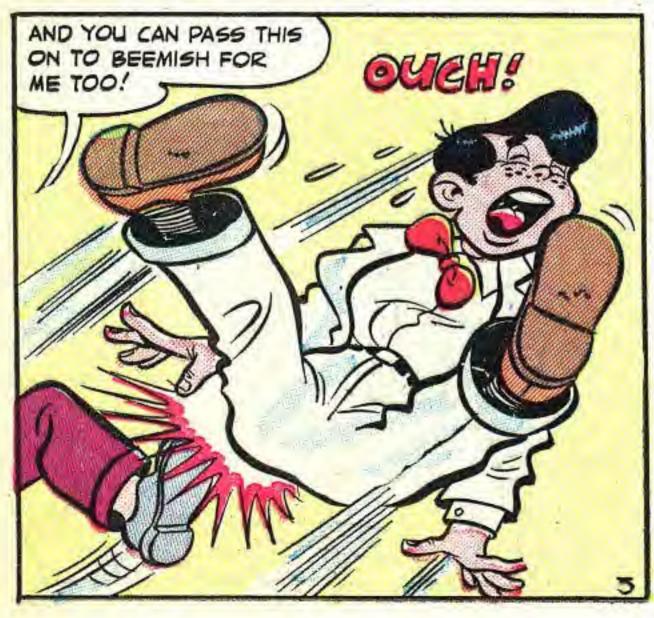


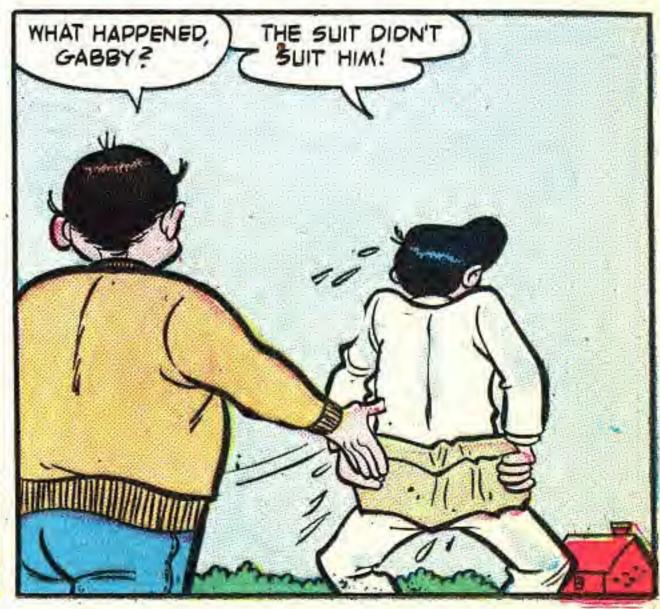






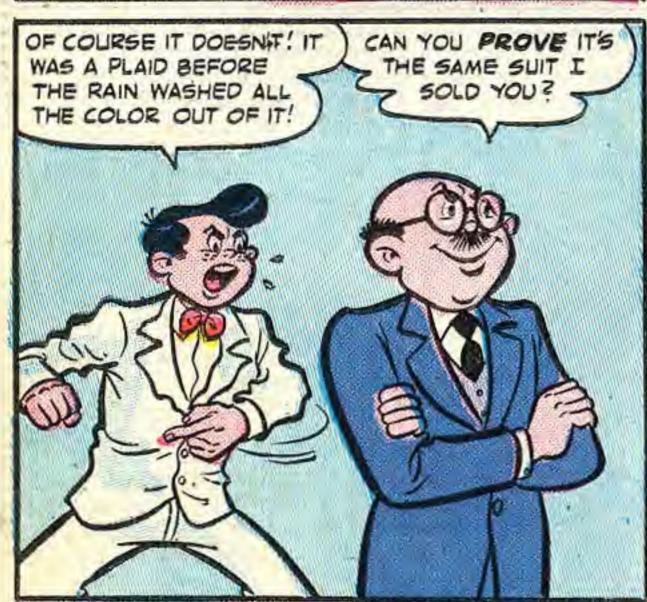


















"I will mm-m, smell the wood smoke," sniffed Candy, "I love the fall, the air is so brisk, the clothes are so tweedy and the football players so handsome." "Oh, fine," grumbled Ted Dawson as he ambled along beside her. "All year long I've got competition from various and sundry creeps and now its a passle of muscle-bound, pigskin tossers. Has it ever occurred to you, girl, that man can have charm without wearing shoulder pads, cleats,

and a noseguard?"

"Of course, silly," laughed Candy, "it's just that at this time of year, football players look veree good. Now come on, let's get that soda you mentioned." They turned into the Sweet Shop and were greeted by the usual uproar as they opened the door. The juke box was sounding off and as Candy and Ted wound their way through the dancers to a booth, a tall, broad-shouldered boy broke away from the crowd at the soda fountain and trotted over to a stop directly in front of Candy. Eyeing her with obvious interest, he said, "Hey, Dawson, how about introducing me to this little gal. She's really a doll." Ted moved in fast. "Never mind, Bucko, you're calling the wrong signals this time." And he swept Candy into a seat and shoved a menu at her. "Ted Dawson, you know I want a chocolate soda. Why in the world would I need a menu. And WHO is that positively handsome boy who stopped us on the way in?" said Candy, all in one breath. "That's the new tackle on the varsity team," muttered Ted. Then perking up, he added, "Say, how are the plans for the Fall Hop going? You're on the dance committee, aren't you?" Candy looked bright, "Yes, I am, and the plans are progressing very well. And let's not change the subject. What's the new tackle's name, 'Ted?" "Okay, okay," said the reluctant Ted. "His name's Buck Woods, and all of a sudden, I don't like him." And he got up and went to the juke box.

Ted no sooner left the table than Buck Woods was at Candy's side. He hastily introduced himself and before Candy could get a word in, he was seated beside her. Ted came storming back to the table, "Say, Woods, you've got a healthy nerve." "Aw, come on," laughed Buck, "no harm in being friendly, is there? We were just discussing the quality of the sodas." "Izzatso," growled Ted as he carefully sat down. "And how do you find the quality?" Buck turned and gazed boldly at Candy, "Sweet, brother. Mighty sweet!" Candy blushed, "Now really-" she began, and then looked up, startled. Ted leaped to his feet, jarring the table as he did. Candy's soda splashed over into her lap and in a flash, Buck was on his feet, napkin in hand, to help in the mop up. Candy was furious. "Ted Dawson, you clumsy oaf. If you weren't so silly and hotheaded, this never would have happened," she cried. Ted exploded, "Silly and hotheaded am I? Okay, I'm sorry I slopped the soda, but maybe Buck Woods will see you home, Miss O'Connor. I suddenly discover that I have another appointment." And Ted stalked out of the shop.

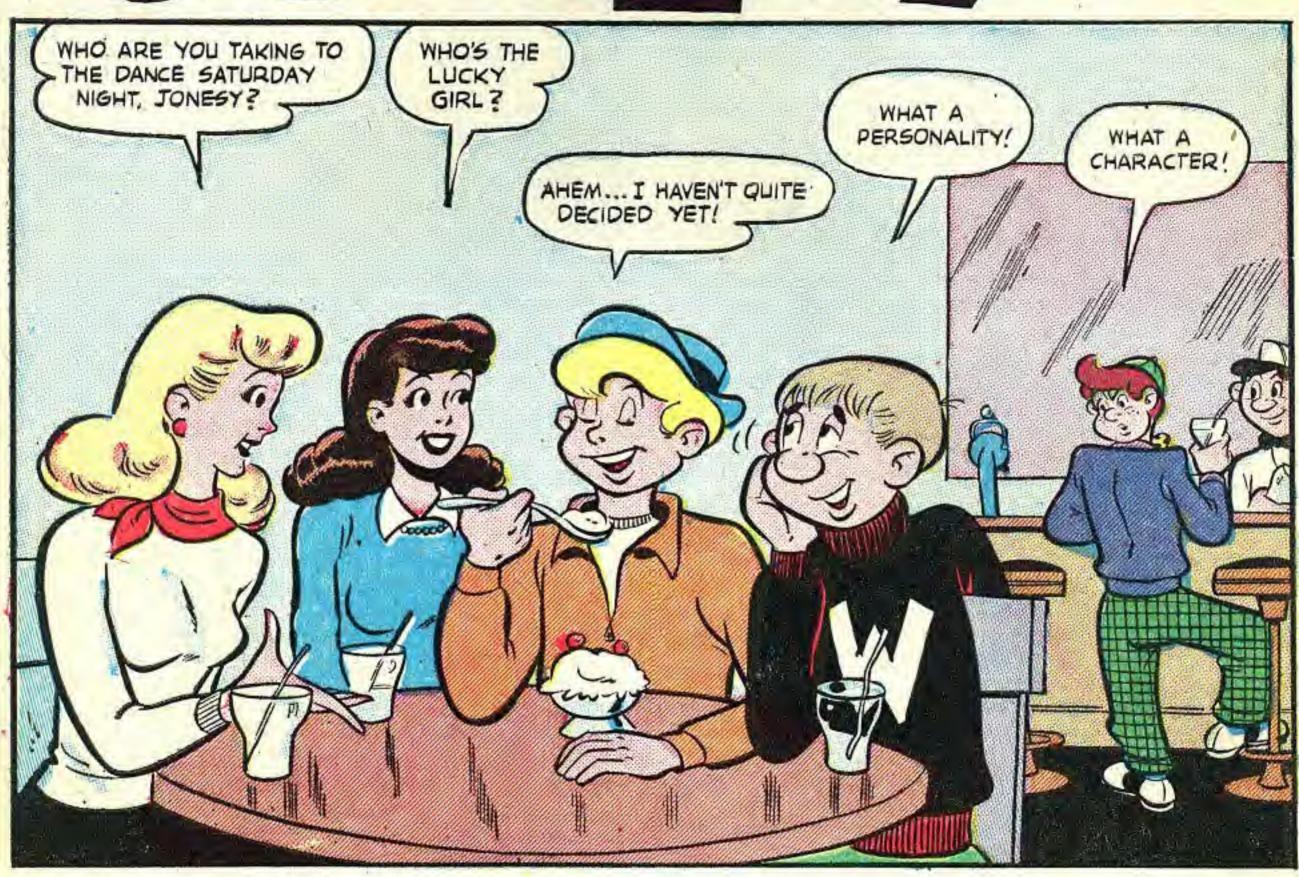
Buck took Candy home, the long way, and really turned on the charm. By the time they reached

the O'Connor's, Candy was quite fascinated. "And say, sugar," said Buck as they were parting, "how about going to the Fall Hop with me? It's a Saturday and I can break training for just one night and stay out late." "I'll give it some thought," replied Candy coyly. "I had a more or less tentative date for the Hop, but now, I don't know. ..."

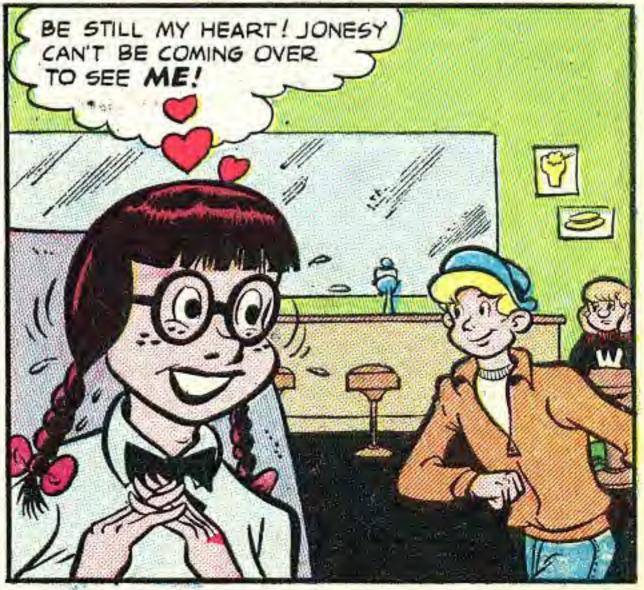
Candy had been in the house only a few moments when the phone rang. It was Ted. "Thought I'd call and make sure you got home safely," he said casually. "A lot you cared whether I got home or not, Ted Dawson," exploded Candy. "I don't think we have anything to say to each other." "Before you hang up," interrupted Ted, "I just wanted to tell you that I'll be on the football field tomorrow scrimmaging against the varsity team and old, fat-head Woods. I talked to the coach and he said he'd let me try out." "I don't see why that should interest me," countered Candy haughtily. "Since you're so gone on football players," snapped Ted, "I thought you might like to come out and see your new romeo get smeared. I'll massacre him." "I doubt that, Mr. Dawson," replied Candy frostily, and she slammed down the receiver.

The next day, Candy sat in the grandstand with the other girls who had boyfriends on the team. The scrimmage had just started. It was between the varsity and the second teams. In the row ahead of her, Candy overheard her arch-enemy, Cornelia Clyde, talking very loudly to the girl next to her. "Isn't it hilarious? Ted Dawson is replacing the second string halfback just for today and he actually expects to get through the scrimmage. What some dopes won't do to make an impression." Candy seethed as she heard it and then her attention was drawn to the field where the ball was in play and by some miracle, Ted had latched onto it and was hi-tailing it down the field for all he was worth. She spotted Buck Woods moving in. He cut directly across the field, ignoring the man he was supposed to tackle, bumping one of his own men out of the way and heading for Ted at a mac pace. Candy covered her eyes as he connected. It seemed to her she could hear the bones crushing as Ted went down. It was all over in a matter of minutes. Candy was down from the grandstand and running towards the field as they put Ted on the stretcher. "Just a sprained ankle and a black eye," she heard Buck Woods laugh. "I guess you just ain't football material, Dawson. Ha ha!" Candy reached up and grabbed Buck's shoulder and whirled the astomshed football player around. "You big baboon," she shrieked, "you deliberately went after Ted and if you think I'd go to the Fall Hop with you, you're sadly mistaken and . . ." "Just a minute, Miss," cut in the Coach, "I'll take care of this." And he turned to Buck, who was now quaking. "You cut way out of line there, Woods. I have a notion to suspend you for a while." Buck started to plead and the battered Ted interrupted from the stretcher as Candy hovered over him. "Aw, don't do it on my account, Coach," and he turned to look up at Candy out of his one good eye. "I really came out on top after all!"







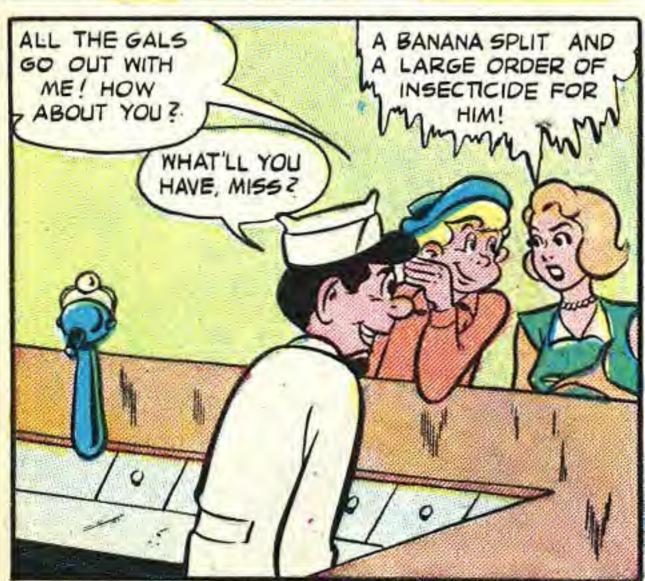


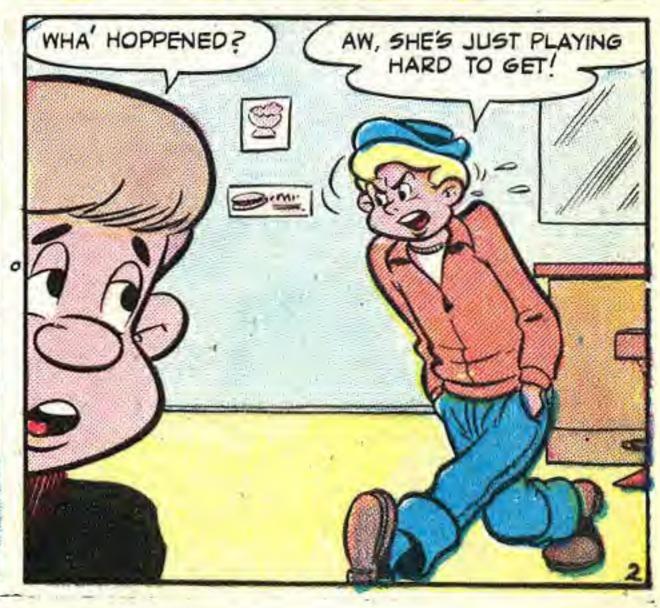


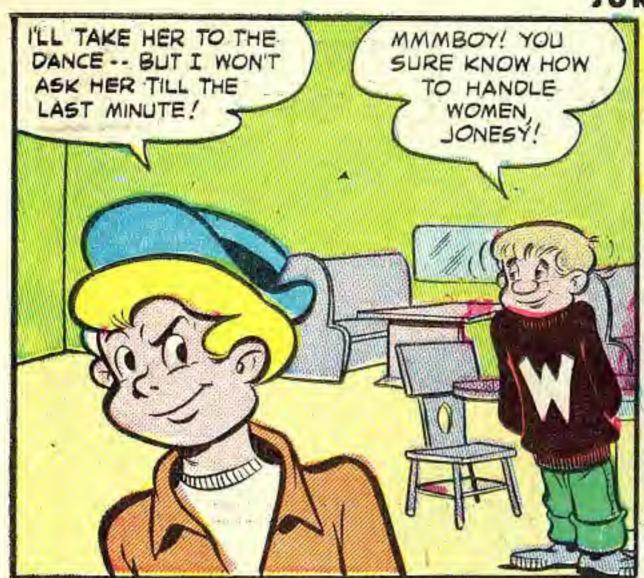


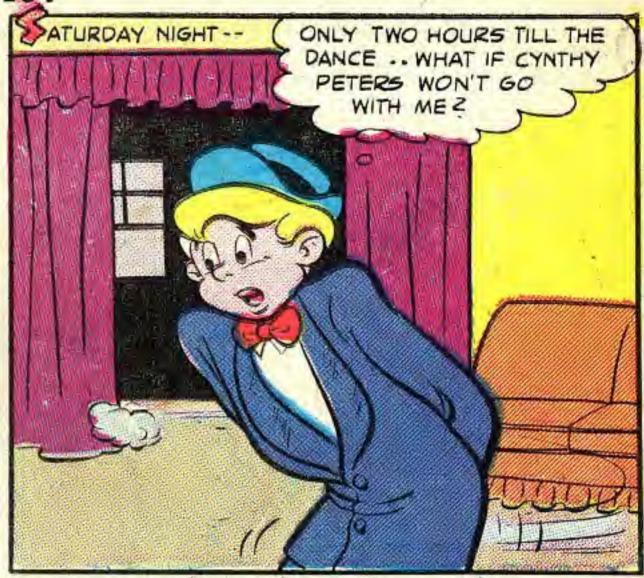














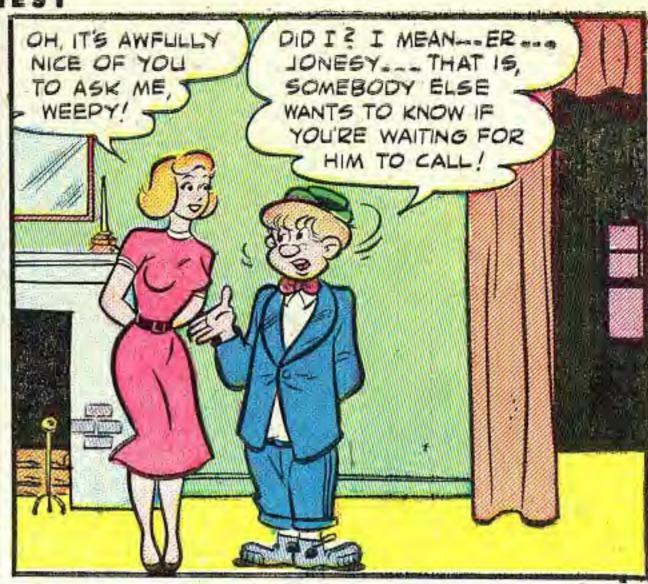














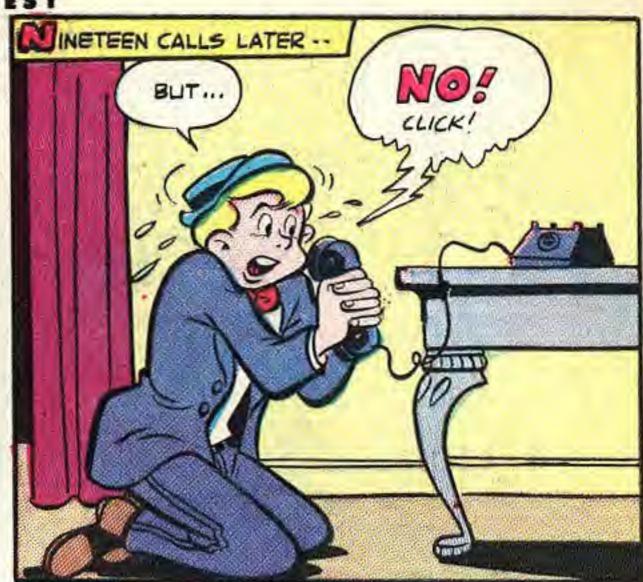


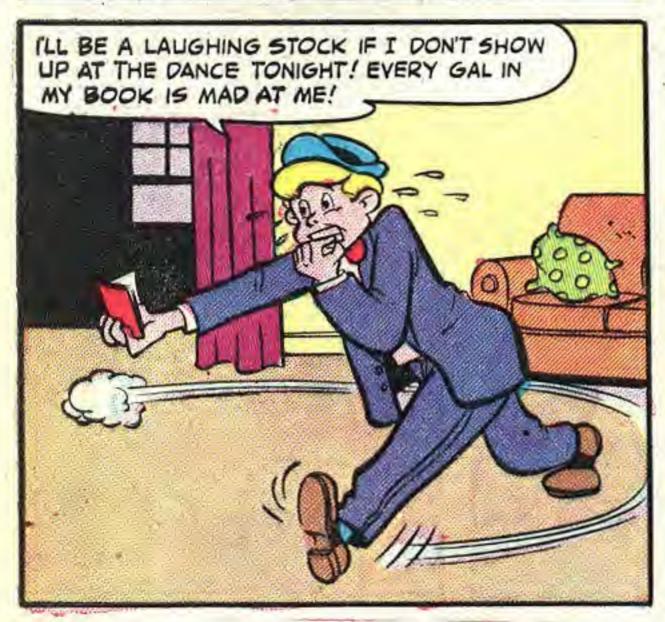






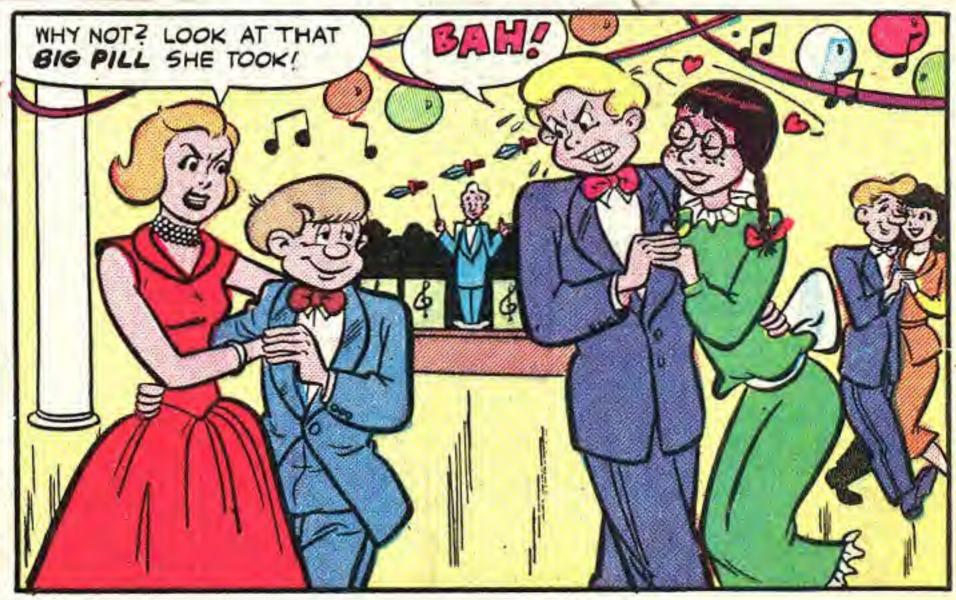














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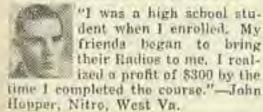
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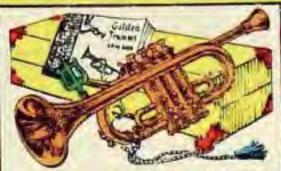


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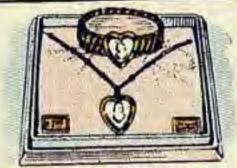


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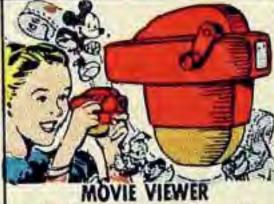
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